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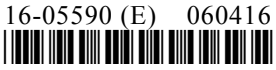
I refer to Security Council resolution 1958 (2010), in which the Council requested me to report and provide analysis to the Council on an annual basis on the usage and expenditure of the escrow account referenced in paragraphs 4 and 5 of that resolution.

In previous years, commencing in 2012, I presented annual reports to the Council no later than 31 March, that being the date for the closing of the yearly United Nations accounts. However, the closing of 2015 accounts has been delayed, and, in consultation with the United Nations Board of Auditors, the time limit for the preparation of all financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2015 has been extended to the end of May 2016. In the light of this, and to ensure that the report includes expenditures as reflected in the financial statements, I would like to request an extension until 31 May 2016 for the submission of my report to the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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